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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, AUGUST 11

1. SUN (PAGE 1) "US CONGRESSMEN MEET WITH 18 SOVIET JEWS"
BY HAL PIPER DATELINED MOSCOW. BRADEMAS QUOTED AS SAYING
"A LOT OF US ARE HERE TO GET ACROSS TO THE SOVIETS THAT
WE DON'T AGREE WITH ADMINISTRATION " ON DETENTE; "WE WANT
THEM TO UNDERSTAND THAT CONGRESS IS SOMETIMES UNITED BY
HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES." YATES AND FENWICK MET JEWS FOR TWO
HOURS; MES. FENWICK INDICATED THAT THEY ARE FRIGHTENED AND
SUFFERING. MRS. ROITBURD FROM ODESSA MENTIONED AS AMONG
THOSE VISITED. YATES ASKED FOR LIST OF RELATIVES
ABROAD IN VIEW OF HELSINKI DECLARATION; SAID HE FOUND
SOVIETS QUITE INTRANSIGENT, AND THAT SOVIETS SAID PRO-
CEDURES MUST BE WORKED OUT TO IMPLEMENT HELSINKI WHICH
TAKES TIME. JEWS ESTIMATE 2 TO 3 THOUSAND HAVE BEEN
REFUSED. NYT (PAGE 5) HAS STORY BY CHRISTOPHER WREN WHICH
QUOTES YATES AS SAING THAT SOVIETS INTRANSIGENT BUT THERE
IS HOPE. ALSO QUOTES MRS. FENWICK. LISTS LUNTS, AZBEL
AND FEIN AS WELL AS MRS. ROITBURD. LERNER QUOTED AS
URGING U.S. "TO EXERT PRESSURE ON SOVIET UNION IN TRADE,
SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY, EVERYTHING."

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2. NYT (PAGE 7) "BREZHNEV MEETS HUSAK AT YALTA - HE AND CZECHOSLOVAK CHIEF STRESS HELSINKI ACCORD." IT WAS BELIEVED THEY ALSO DISCUSSED PROSPECTS FOR SUMMIT MEETING OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES; AS WELL AS ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN THE COMMUNIST BLOC.

3. SUN (PAGE 7) "SOVIET SHIP GETS ITS GRAIN" DATELINED BEAUMONT, TEXAS. YUGOSLAV FREIGHTER BAMJA CARRYING 24,000 TONS OF SOVIET WHEAT WAS LOADED SATURDAY AFTER LOADING WAS INTERRUPTED TWICE LAST WEEK. LONGSHOREMEN AGREED TO FINISH LOADING WHEN IT WAS LEARNED THAT WHEAT WAS A PART OF AN EARLIER RUSSIAN DEAL.

4. WSJ EDITORIAL "BEYOND HELSINKI." WEST SHOULD MAKE ITS OWN INTERPRETATIONS OF DECLARATION STICK BY TRANSLATING THEM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE INTO PRACTICAL RESULTS, INCLUDING PRESSING NEGOTIATIONS ON MULTIPLE VISAS FOR JOURNALISTS, AS WELL AS REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES. WE SHOULD MAKE SUCH ISSUES THE CENTER OF ATTENTION AT THE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE IN BELGRADE.

5. WSJ (PAGE 29) "ILA WILL REFUSE TO HANDLE GRAIN SOLD TO RUSSIANS - DOCK WORKERS' BAN APPLIES TO SOVIET ORDERS IN U.S. THAT STARTED LAST MONTH." MR. GLEASON AND OTHERS WILL MEET WITH GEORGE MEANEY MONDAY TO DISCUSS GOVERNMENT CROP-OUTLOOK REPORTS AND PRESUMABLY STRATEGY ON RUSSIAN GRAN SHIPMENT MATTER.

6. WSJ (PAGE 29) "FACTORS BEYOND U.S. CROP SIZE WILL SET GRAIN SALE LEVEL, FORD AIDES SAY." THOUGH CROP OUTLOOK REPORT WILL COME OUT TODAY, PERMISSIBLE LEVEL OF SALES TO SOVIETS PROBABLY WON'T BE DETERMINED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. KISSINGER

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